

**40/229. Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon**

*The General Assembly*

Recalling its resolutions 33/146 of 20 December 1978, 34/135 of 14 December 1979, 35/85 of 5 December 1980, 36/205 of 17 December 1981, 37/163 of 17 December 1982, 38/220 of 20 December 1983 and 39/197 of 17 December 1984 on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1980/15 of 29 April 1980 and 1985/56 of 25 July 1985 and decisions 1983/112 of 17 May 1983 and 1984/174 of 26 July 1984,

Noting with deep concern the continuing heavy loss of life and the additional destruction of property, which have caused further extensive damage to the economic and social structures of Lebanon,

Also noting with concern the serious economic situation in Lebanon,

Welcoming the determined efforts of the Government of Lebanon in undertaking its reconstruction and rehabilitation programme,

Reaffirming the urgent need for further international action to assist the Government of Lebanon in its continuing efforts for reconstruction and development,

Considering that filling the vacant post of United Nations Co-ordinator of Assistance for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon would facilitate the normal operations of international assistance to Lebanon,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>161</sup> and of the statement made on 12 November 1985 by the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs,<sup>162</sup>

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his report and for the steps he has taken to mobilize assistance to Lebanon;
2. Commends the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs for his co-ordination of system-wide assistance for Lebanon, as well as the staff of the Office of the United Nations Co-ordinator of Assistance for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon for their invaluable efforts in the discharge of their duties;
3. Expresses its appreciation for the relentless efforts undertaken by the Government of Lebanon in the implementation of the initial phase of reconstruction of the country, despite adverse circumstances, and for the steps it has taken to remedy the economic situation;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue and intensify his efforts to mobilize all possible assistance within the United Nations system to help the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development efforts;
5. Invites the Secretary-General to consider arranging, under the terms of resolution 33/146, for the United Nations Co-ordinator of Assistance for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon to resume his functions in Lebanon;
6. Requests the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to intensify their programmes of assistance and to expand them in response to the needs of Lebanon, and to take the necessary steps to ensure that their offices in Beirut are adequately staffed at the senior level;

<sup>161</sup> A/40/434 and Add.1.

<sup>162</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Second Committee, 31st meeting, paras. 34-41.

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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**40/230. Assistance to Madagascar**

*The General Assembly*,

Recalling its resolution 39/191 of 17 December 1984 on assistance to Madagascar,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/3 of 11 May 1984 on measures to be taken following the cyclones and floods in Madagascar in December 1983 and January and April 1984,

Concerned by the fact that the damage caused by these natural disasters is hampering the development efforts of that country,

Bearing in mind the special economic assistance programme prepared by the inter-agency mission which visited Madagascar from 24 May to 5 June 1984,<sup>163</sup>

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>164</sup>

Noting the efforts of the people and Government of Madagascar to deal with the emergency and to initiate a reconstruction and rehabilitation programme,

Noting also the emergency relief and assistance provided by several States, international and regional organizations, specialized agencies and voluntary agencies,

Reaffirming the need for concerted international action to assist the people and Government of Madagascar in carrying out the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the stricken regions and sectors,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the States, programmes and organizations of the United Nations system and to other organizations, intergovernmental, non-governmental and voluntary, which provided assistance to Madagascar;
2. Urges all States to participate or continue to participate generously through bilateral or multilateral channels in projects or programmes for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Madagascar;
3. Requests the international and regional organizations, the specialized agencies and voluntary agencies to continue and increase their assistance in response to the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development needs of Madagascar;
4. Invites the programmes and organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and all other international and regional financial institutions concerned, to give sympathetic and urgent consideration to requests for assistance submitted by the Government of Madagascar under its reconstruction, rehabilitation and development programmes;
5. Requests the Secretary-General:
  - (a) To continue his efforts, in collaboration with the programmes and organizations of the United Nations system, to mobilize the resources needed for implementing the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development programmes of Madagascar;

<sup>163</sup> A/39/404, annex.

<sup>164</sup> A/40/439, sect. III.P.

(b) To keep the question of assistance for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Madagascar under constant review;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1986, of the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-first session.

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**40/231. Long-term and effective solution of the problems caused by natural disasters in Bangladesh**

*The General Assembly,*

*Aware* of the grave devastation and substantial loss of life and property caused by the cyclone that struck large areas of Bangladesh on 25 May 1985,

*Having heard* the statement made on 12 November 1985 by the representative of Bangladesh,<sup>165</sup> in which he enumerated the enormous losses suffered by Bangladesh in the cyclone as well as the adverse consequences of recurring natural disasters, particularly cyclones, tidal waves and floods, for the economic development of that country,

*Concerned* about the serious damage to infrastructure caused by such natural disasters, which has a far-reaching impact on the implementation of the national development plan in that country,

*Considering* that Bangladesh is one of the least developed countries, and that its situation has been worsened by the frequent recurrence of natural disasters having devastating consequences,

*Aware* that the coastal areas of Bangladesh are particularly vulnerable to natural calamity resulting in widespread human and material loss,

*Recognizing* the relief and rehabilitation efforts of the Government of Bangladesh to alleviate the sufferings of disaster victims, and its programmes for a more permanent solution,

*Noting with appreciation* the support and solidarity displayed by the countries of the South Asian region in assisting Bangladesh in the immediate aftermath of the cyclone of 25 May 1985,

*Recognizing* that natural disasters constitute a development problem of great magnitude, the solution of which calls for substantial resources, requiring national efforts to be supplemented by international financial and technical assistance,

*Aware* that considerable expertise and technical capabilities are available within the organizations of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations to strengthen the preparedness and prevention capability of disaster-prone countries through the promotion of a long-term and effective solution of the problems caused by natural disasters,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the international community for its interest in and support to Bangladesh in its relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts following the natural disaster;

2. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the support provided by him, particularly through the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordi-

nator and other operational agencies of the United Nations system in Bangladesh;

3. *Appeals* to all Member States, specialized agencies, and other organs and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as international economic and financial institutions, to respond urgently and generously to assist Bangladesh in its plans and programmes to secure a long-term and effective solution of the problems caused by natural disasters;

4. *Requests* the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations to take appropriate measures to provide assistance to Bangladesh for disaster preparedness and prevention programmes, taking into account the existing co-ordinated efforts of Member States;

5. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to assist, in co-operation with other relevant agencies, the Government of Bangladesh in preparing a time-bound plan in this regard;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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**40/232. Assistance to Mozambique**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* Security Council resolution 386 (1976) of 17 March 1976, in which the Council appealed to all States to provide financial, technical and material assistance to enable Mozambique to carry out its economic development programme, and requested the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, to organize, with immediate effect, such assistance,

*Recalling further* its resolution 39/199 of 17 December 1984 and its earlier resolutions, in which it urged the international community to respond effectively and generously with assistance to Mozambique,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>166</sup> submitted pursuant to its resolution 38/208, to which was annexed the report of the mission to Mozambique,

*Deeply concerned* at the loss of life and the destruction of essential infrastructures such as roads, railways, bridges, petroleum facilities, electricity supply, schools and hospitals, as identified in the reports of the Secretary-General,<sup>167</sup>

*Further concerned* about the present difficult economic situation of Mozambique, as illustrated in the summary report of the Secretary-General, submitted pursuant to its resolution 39/199,<sup>168</sup>

*Noting with deep concern* that Mozambique has continued to suffer from a prolonged drought causing heavy losses in human lives, food production and livestock and resulting in dislocation of its affected people,

*Also noting with deep concern* the extensive damage caused by the cyclone "Demoina" at the end of January 1984,

*Noting* that Mozambique faces an emergency food situation of an exceptional scale and needs imports of 638,000 tonnes of cereals in 1985/1986 to meet its food requirements, according to government estimates,

<sup>165</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Second Committee, 32nd meeting, paras. 14-16.*

<sup>166</sup> A/39/382.

<sup>167</sup> A/38/201-E/1983/69 and Corr. 1 and 2, annex 1, sect. E; A/38/216, sect. XIII; A/39/382.

<sup>168</sup> A/40/441, sect. XI